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SUBJ: MAGAZINE ARTICLE ON EMBASSY STAFFING AND FUNCTIONS

SUMMARY. AN ARTICLE ALLEGEDLY DESCRIBING AMEMBASSY TOKYO FUNCTIONS AND STAFFING APPEARED IN THE LITTLE KNOWN JAPANESE MONTHLY QUOTE OPTIONS UNQTE. THE ANONYMOUS AUTHOR ASSERTS THAT TEN TO TWENTY ASSISTANTS TO THE AMBASSADOR ARE SPOTTED AROUND IN EACH OF THE EMBASSY SECTIONS AND ARE MOSTLY CIA MEMBERS. HE ALSO ASSERTS CIA INVOLVEMENT IN A MARCH 1959 BOAC STEWARDESS MURDER CASE, A JULY 1963 DISAPPEARANCE OF A COUPLE NAMED FOLANDS (PHONETIC) AND A 1954 DISAPPEARANCE OF A QUOTE SOVIET SPY UNQTE NAMED RASTOBOV (PHOETIC). THE MAGAZINE ITSELF IS ALL BUT UNKNOWN IN JAPAN. WE EXPECT LITTLE FURTHER FALLOUT. END SUMMARY. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED

1. THE FEB. ISSUE OF THE JAPANESE MONTHLY "OPTIONS" CARRIES AN ANONYMOUS ARTICLE ALLEGEDLY DETAILING EMBASSY TOKYO STAFFING AND FUNCTIONS. IT ASSERTS THAT UNDER THE AMBASSADOR THERE ARE 300 AMERICANS AND 300 JAPANESE  
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WORKING. AFTER DETAILING THE AMBASSADOR'S BACKGROUND,

THE AUTHOR GIVES AN EXTENSIVE DESCRPTION OF ALLEGED U.S.I.S. ACTIVITIES.

2. THE AUTHOR ALLEGES THAT THERE ARE 10 TO 20 SECOND SECRETARIES WHO SERVE AS ASSISTANTS TO THE AMBASSADOR AND ARE MOSTLY CIA AGENTS IN THE EMBASSY. THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE ALLEGEDLY ASSIGNED TO EACH OF THE EMBASSY SECTIONS, BUT ADVISE AND WORK WITH THE AMBASSADOR DIRECTLY. ALTHOUGH THESE ARE THE ONLY CIA AGENTS ASSIGNED TO THE EMBASSY, THE AUTHOR ASSERTS THAT WHEN THEY NEED HELP THEIR NUMBERS CAN BE AUGMENTED BY 50 TO 100 OTHER AGENTS LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES WHO CAN BE FLOWN TO JAPAN ON SHORT NOTICE IN A U.S. MILITARY PLANE IF NECESSARY.

3. ADMITTING IT IS DIFFICULT TO DETAIL CIA ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN THE AUTHOR ALLEGES CIA INVOLVEMENT IN A --MARCH 1959 BOAC STEWARDESS MURDER CASE --JULY 1963 DISAPPEARANCE OF A COUPLE NAMED ROLANDS (PHONETIC). ACCORDING TO MEMOIRS KEPT BY A JAPANESE "SORKING INDIRECTLY" FOR THE CIA, THE AUTHOR ALLEGES THE ROLANDS WERE TAKEN TO THE US BECAUSE THEY WERE GIVING INFORMATION CONCERNING US FORCES IN JAPAN TO THE SOVIETS: --1954 DISAPPEARANCE OF A "SOVIET SPY" NAMED RASTOBOV (PHONETIC) WHO ALLEGEDLY WAS PUT ABOARD A BUS USED EXCLUSIVELY BY AMERICANS. FBIS WAS ALLEGED TO BE CARRYING OUT A COUNTER SPY INFORMATION PROGRAM AIMED AT BLACK AGENTS IN JAPAN. END UNCLASSIFIED. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL NOFORN.

4. COMMENT. "OPTIONS" IS ALL BUT UNKNOWN IN JAPAN. THE USUAL PUBLISHING SOURCES WERE COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF THE MAGAZINE. WE FINALLY LEARNED A BIT MORE ABOUT IT FROM THE NATIONAL DIET LIBRARY. THE MAGAZINE, WHICH BEGAN PUBLICATION IN MARCH 1975, APPARENTLY HAS A VERY SMALL CIRCULATION AND A DIRECT DELIVERY SYSTEM. WE SUSPECT IT MAY BE ONE OF THE NUMBER OF SMALL MAGAZINES DISTRIBUTED TO VARIOUS BUSINESS OR OTHER CLIENTS WHICH PURPORT TO PROVIDE INSIDE INFORMATION ABOUT TOPICS OF CURRENT INTEREST. CONFIDENTIAL

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5. THE ARTICLE ITSELF IS A COMPOUND OF MISUNDERSTANDING AND MISINFORMATION MIXED WITH A BIT OF ACCURACY. IT IS MOST ACCURATE IN ITS DISCUSSION OF THE PHYSICAL ASPECTS OF THE EMBASSY ANNEX AND THE USIS OPERATION. BUT THERE TOO, ERRORS ARE MANY. WE DOUBT WHETHER PUBLICATION OF THE ARTICLE WILL HAVE ANY IMPACT WHATSOEVER IN JAPAN, PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF THE LOCKHEED

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